

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor: Michael Weber  
Application No.: 10/583,594  
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Title: Method for Automatically Setting Up Data Connections Between Network Subscriber Stations in a Network of Distributed Stations, and Network Subscriber Stations as a User Interface Appliance for Carrying out the Method  
Examiner: A. Chou  
Art Unit: 2416  
Customer No. 24498

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed on August 17, 2009, a three-month extension, ending February 17, 2010, is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully submitted. This paper is also being submitted with a Request for Continuing Examination. The fees for the RCE and extension are being charged to Deposit Account 07-0832. Please charge this Deposit Account for any other fees owed in connection with this response.

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.